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Expedited Procedure - Group 2623

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROSHI SATOMI) Examiner: M. Dastouri
Application No.: 09/406,721) Group Art Unit: 2623
Filed: September 28, 1999)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF) April 3, 2003
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION¹

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended to April 3, 2003, by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

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¹This Amendment has been prepared in the revised amendment format set forth in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."